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TO-NIGHT'S AMUSEMENTS. whether the work one feels called upon Albamph's, Fifteenth and E streets to perform comes under the law or Panny Davenport in "La Tosca." forms an exception. The words used Pennsylvania avenue, near seem to make an omnibus phrase, which shall include everything or nothing,

Fourteenth street - Francis Wilson in The Colah. Bijon, Ninth street and Louislana avenue-"The Fakir."

Keenna's, Eleventh and C streets-Rentz Santley Burlesque-Company. Globe, Pennsylvania avenue, near Eleventh street-Variety.

GOOD MEN, BE HUMANE. The exposure of the methods in vogue at the mail bag repair shops of the United States Postoffice Department, made in THE CRITIC yesterday, give publicity for the first time to a system wrong in principle and oppressive in practice. When the building on C street was first rented and the plan of sending all the torn and dilapidated

mail sacks of the postal service here to be [mended was put in operation, there was a great flourish of official trumpets over the "reform" and the "saving" it would be to the Government. The credit of this new arrangement was claimed, justly we believe, for the new Second Assistant Postmaster General A superintendent of the shop was brought on from Ohio. The work was

The result up to date seems to be to involve the Government in a system which looks like an ugly combination does. Many profound men who are of the "sweating system" of England trying to guide human destiny in the and the "pluck-me" methods of the Pennsylvania regions. As the shop has been conducted it was rapidly be coming a public scandal. It is hoped that THE CRITIC's exposure will remedy the matter. It is not believed that Postmaster-General Wanamaker, or his Second Assistant, Mr. Whitfield, or even Captain Cullen, the superintendent, is really cognizant of the full hardships to which the employes of this shop are subjected. The Curric has no desire to hold them responsible for the wretched work-room provided, which renders all who toil therein miserable. or for the cruel regulation which requires forty sacks to be repaired each day by each worker. Nor yet perhaps are they responsible for the fact that the wages paid are so scanty. Yet, if these things be not promptly remedied, we shall be compelled to so hold them.

tamed to too great an extent in this shop.

Mr. Wanamaker teaches a Sunday.

school class. Let him not forget the

story of the Samaritan, Mr. Whit-

field has the reputation of being a good

fellow. Let him maintain it. Cap-

tain Cullen, we venture to say, will fol-

low the lead of his superiors in squelch-

ing the Siberian system which has ob-

SUNDAY PRIVILEGES. A public meeting is to be held at the Bink on New York avenue to-night to consider the Sunday-law question. Let those who participate discuss the expediency of throwing open to the public the Congressional Library, the Smithsonian Institution, the National and Medical Museums, the Botanical Gardens and the Corcoran Art Gallery, if this last be amenable to statutory control in this matter.

Why would it be wrong to go to the Congressional Library to read or study on Sunday, when it would not be wrong to do this in one's own library?

Wby would it be wrong to go into the Smithsonian Institution on Sunday and examine the taxidermic products on exhibition there when it is not wrong to look upon the living specimens outside those scientific walls?

Why is it wrong to enter the National Museum on Sunday to inspect the wonderful collection gathered there when it is not wrong to stand around the cages, a scant hundred yards away, and gaze upon the slender array of birds and beasts which form the nucleus of the National Zoological Garden that is ter he?

Why would it be wrong to visit on Sunday the Botanic Garden with its wealth of rare and curious exotics when It is not wrong to go over to the Agricultural Department grounds and there rest your weary eyes upon the judigenous potate plant and corn stalk?

CHICAGO'S ADVANTAGES. Mr. Davis and his worthy co-talkers should not suffer geographical and terminal considerations to overshadow the other advantages the Garden City possesses for the World's Fair site. In the matter of substratum, Chicago has a foundation of quicksand and mud conducive to the development of the highest forms of architecture ever attained on stilts. Many of the buildings are the most magnificent structures that ever rested on piles which rest on nothing; many of them the most daring experiments man has yet attempted in the way of making a building settle down

soberly and squarely all its life. Earth County might get together and The process of sinking is perpetual found a popular government. there. The city is built on a bog. Big structures of any considerable age, like the County and Federal buildings and the Chamber of Commerce, are rent as meeting in Boston condemning the If by earthquake. Walls of porcelainman, threatening bloody war, and sheeted bricks and mammoth blocks of marble in the latter are deeply fissured urging President Harrison "to find by the unequal sinking. Where it is some just interpretation of the law, as designed to erect the great works a did Portia, and so act upon it as to put World's Pair would require efforts to a stop to the exacting the heart's blood drive deep wells have been stopped by of the negro to feed prejudice and quicksand. Toward the north, in front | hate." The West may raise sunflowers, of the Leland Hotel, water was tapped, and Texas, in the words of the late but there is every reason to believe it is humorist, Horr, may raise h--1, but the water of a sub-Chicago ocean, for when we want rhetoric we turn to Bosten, with a certainty of gratification. every now and then the pipe vomits up kinds of creation known neither to this

nor any other age. The entire lake front, as a matter of Army, praying for a bill to increase the fact, is unpacked debris of the fire, efficiency of chapiains. resting upon marsh land. Such a building, for example, as the Paris Senate with the petition of a Kansas endy-Philadelphia Times.

WASHINGTON CRITIC Machinery Hall, which, if anything, should be eclipsed might just as well be put up on one of the floating sand bars of the Missouri. As for a tower which shall humble the daring of Eiffel-well, the Chicago people would doubtless build it on barress and float I up and down the take shore.

just as the courts may decide,

Would the railroads have to cease

running trains and the tramways cease

running cars on Sunday? Would the

hotels have to quit sending 'busses to

no necessity for it. Could the owner

of a private turnout use it on Sunday?

If so, could a pecunious person who

person walk abroad on Sunday with-

DIVINE REVELATION.

One sentence of the little speech Mr.

Gladstone made to Dr. Talmage at

Hawarden is intended to give some

thinkers pause. "My only hope for

the world," said he, "is in bringing

the burnan mind into contact with Di-

vine revelation:" Whether the distin

enished statesman and philosopher

bases his expectation of human prog

ress on revelation by belief, as con-

trasted with revelation through knowl-

present age do. The Lichtenstein

group in Austria, Jules Simon and the

clericals in France, Bismarck in Ger-

many and Mr. Gladstone in England

all see the preservation and promotion

of the State in the stability of the

Church. So, too, does the Czar of

Such is the tremendous span of re-

search and mental hardship between the

point where the soul is swayed by the

cremony of Divine revelation and the

ceret confession to it, that no consid-

The dawn of science in every nation

has marked the rising of its revolu-

tionary sun. Every disclosure of sub-

lime knowledge has shaken the founda-

tion of society and the state, which are

invariably supported with religious

form. It was the wisdom of Greece

and Rome, wantonly voicing itself, that

noset standard faiths. Descarte opened

the way for the Reign of Terror. Kant,

socialistic Germany. Darwin, Huxley

and Spencer are the inspiration of the

English Demos, and the microbe hunt-

ers of Paris are the apostles of ma-

of scientific truth, and, if they could,

would make its discoverers be silent or

teach it in the closet. For this reason

it was that Machiavelli ever inclined

backward toward primitive conditions.

Rather than teach the operation of the

Supreme Intelligence in the vital cir-

culation of a plant, like Whewell,

they would impress Divine Truth

with the idealistic exaggerations

of Raphael and Angelo for all to

worship without question. Un-

statescraft, Divine revelation is no more

susceptible to the control of man than

D ivine conditions are. Man cannot at

will bring it into contact with the mind

of man. And it easts into contempt all

who aim to mediate between it and

human variety by confering its bless-

ing arbitrarily. He whose soul seeks

God in the technical harmony of the

has a totally different sense of Divine

revelation from the mortal who finds it

in the murmuring of a prayer or the

adoration of a symbol; yet these two

have each a disdain for the inspiration

CLEAR AS MUD.

The esteemed New York Times de-

scribes the dodge by which fraud may

be practiced under the Australian ballot

It consists in getting possession of one of

the official ballots, marking it for the

bribed or intimidated voter, sending him in

to vote it and to bring out the new one

furnished him unmarked as evidence that

This reminds one of Uncle Rastus

recipe for providing against hunger.

"All you has ter do," says he, "is ter

make dough an' bake it. Thar you

has yer bread, an' anybody kin live on

CAPITOL HUMORS.

In the Senate Mr. Davis presented a

petition of seventy-five farmers of Blue

Earth County, Minn., praying for the

prohibition of speculation in grain

futures. The tailors of Tooley street

and the seventy-five farmers of Blue

In the Senate Mr. Hoar presented a

Mr. Turple in the Senate presented a

Mr. Plumb came to the front in the

petition of Chaplain Pierce of the U.S.

bread of he ain't too cussed proud.

he has acted on his instructions.

of the other.

system. It says:

terialism.

erable mass of any people has ever ac

complished the perilous journey.

a matter of necessity or mercy?

a petition from a citizen of Massachusetts praying for the erection of a statue FINE DEFINITIONS NEEDED. to-General Granty-no, to Matthew A word about the bill which is to put Fontaine Maury of Virginia. Is it posa stop to all Sunday labor, "except sible that Matthew Fontaine Maury has works of necessity and mercy." What never had a statue? are works of "necessity and mercy? Who is to be the judge? How is it to be ascertained whether a particular piece of work is exempted from the penalty of the law? No tribunal is provided for to determine beforehand

tell precisely what we can and what we great popular American movement.

Mr. Dawes introduced a bill defining lard. Lard is an oleaginous substance, which, combined with yellow ochre, produces Washington butter.

the verge of a boom,

Mr. Chandler made one of his eloquent speeches yesterday in the Senate. In Reply to Mr. George, Mr. Chandler rose and said, with great impressiveness: "I do not hear the Senator.

farmers' alliance praying for the print-

ing of enough copies of the Congres-

sional Record to supply one copy to

every township in the United States.

Our esteemed contemporary seems on

Mr. Chandler in the Senate presented

In the House Mr. Vandever introduced a bill allowing pensioners artificial eyes. False teeth, trusses and ear trumpets, what's the matter with them? Mr. Robertson in the House intro

duced a bill to reorganize the band of the United States Military Academy. meet the trains? Frequently there is It appears that Herr Vohlspiegel's buss viol has been out of tune for several Mr. Covert introduced a bill in the

didn't own a private turnout go to a House to improve the efficiency of the fivery stable and hire a turnout? Could militia. By discharge? Mr. Burrows in the House appeared out a physician's certificate that it was with a bill to provide a monument for

ANOTHER WONDER

The eighth wonder of the world has been found. Living about twenty miles from Columbia, S. C., is an aged lady who for the last forty years, according to a Philadelphia Times correspondent, has had a snake in her left upper arm. When first noticed, forty years ago, it was very small, but it has now grown to be about one foot

It lies in U-shape, with the tail and head pointing to the elbow. It is just beneath the skin and can be plainly seen. The head and eyes can be clearly distinguished and edge, does not appear. Doubtless he the pulsations of its heart felt. The scales of the snake can also be felt, and when much disturbed a slight movement can be seen about the head and tall.

The possessor of the strange pet has always been unwilling to have the serpent cut out, but has consented to allow it to be done after death. How the snake ever found its home in such a place is not known, but it is known that the lady was bitten by a snake about forty years ago. It should be added that the eighth wonder

referred to is not the old woman, nor is a

the snake; it is the correspondent. THE JAPANESE are making wonderful advances toward civilization. Their point where the intellect bows down in monthly reports show that nearly forty per centum of the persons who marry are afterward divorced by the courts. If Chicago doesn't quit chasing off after foreign lands to annex and world's fairs to hold and get back to her regular business, some pagan nation may yet snatch from us our proud title of land of the free.

OTIS BROTHERS, the New York elevator manufacturers, have had to sue Gustav Eiffel in Paris for the price of the elevators which they placed in his tower. We don't know much about the merits of the case; but at this great distance it is safe, perhaps, to say that Moosynh Eidel refused to pay Leibnitz and Hegel are the parents of for the elevators because they came so high.

THE North Dakota Legislature having resolved to begin its sessions at 7 o'clock in the morning, a local paper says: "To do this the members must rise before daylight," Is our esteemed contemporary Far-seeing and sentimental men of quite sure the members are in bed by that state realize how violent is the egotism matter of convenience.

THE ESTEEMED New York Tribune as sures us that roasted coffee is a much better disinfectant than most of the bad-smelling drugs used for such purposes. Our valued contemporary must have been out between the acts picking up information.

Ir is said that Count Jessuf Skezynecki Tschatschakapf was the first victim of a oringe in Russia. Well, we should think that a tussle between a sneeze and a man of that name would result fatally on one happily for this acute conservatism in side or the other.

THE GOOD LADIES of Indianapolis are that city. Hardly anybody knows what a Propylæum is, but we presume everybody will be tickled to know that it is going to be magnificent.

NELLIE BLY says she never heard of Mc-Ginty until she reached Chicago on her way bome. Yet there are those who believe planets or the anatomy of a molecule that it was because of Nellie's departure from New York that Mac jumped into the

> would seem to suggest that if it was the deadly electric light or the explosive natural gaslight, he was in-luck. "RED JIM" McDERMOTT has confiden tially given it out in London that the

WHERE WAS MOSES when the light went

out? Recent experiences in this country

"physical force" party is in the ascendant, Well, hardly, if the decision in the Cronin case is sustained. THE WINDSON (Mo.) Review stops its

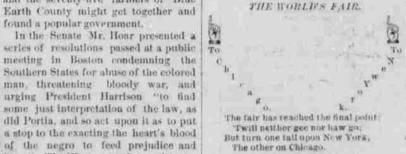
press to remark: "Henry White laid two eggs on our deak this week that he challenges the county or the country to beat.' OUT IN Outo they talk about "accidental

pen to be sent to the penitentiary for it there would be something else to talk WHEN YOU WISH to compliment a man you say he is a plain, konest man. But

Now, if somebody should hap-

you'd better not tell a woman she's plain. That word "plain" Isn't a very plain word,

IT BEGINS to look as if Herr Most were at last going to do something really bene ficial to society at large. He is, it appears, going to the penitentlary.



INGALLS SHIFTING METAPHOR "The South is standing upon a volcano. The South is sitting on the safety-valve. They are breeding innumerable John

ALL SORTS OF RACE TROUBLES. A segro was shot in Florida on Thursday, the same day a jockey was suspended in New Orleans for crooked riding Will those race froubles in the South never

SOUTHERN BEAUTIES

Four representative Southern women stood in the spacious parlors at the Metro politan yesterday afternoon surrounded by a bevy of charming girls, who made the reeption of Mrs. Blanchard of Louisiana a ccess in every sense of the word. Assisting the hostess in entertaining her guests were Mrs. W. H. Perry of South Carolina, Mrs. Barnes of Georgia and Mrs. Bankbead of Ambama, while Colonel Peter Donan of Dakota officiated as master of ceremonies in his usual inimitable manner. These re eptions at the Metropolitan are always noted for bringing together people from all parts of the sunny South, and yesterday formed no exception to the rule, the conse quence befor an enlayable regulor of many old friends from that section. Mrs Blanchard always makes it a point to have young ladies sssist her at her receptions who represent different parts of the South, and in the group of resebuds who surrounder her yesterday were some of the beauties for which that part of the country is noted. Miss Mattle Thompson of Harrodsburg, Ky., and a typical Blue Grass belle, pre sided at the daintily-spread lunch table, and ber grace and beauty made her conspicuous, even in an assembly of young wome renowned for their loveliness. In a reception robe of green creps, decollete cors ige and diamond ornaments, this sparkling brown-eyed brunette reflected credit upon the State co famous for its belies, and the regular features of a Grecian cast were the dmiration even of the ladies in attendance. Miss Pattle Harvie of Virginia, a petite brimette, was a striking contrast to Miss Thompson, and her Greeinn costume of white surab, decorated with natural flow Isabella I. of Spain. Mr. Burrows ers, made her noticeable in the assembly The bill should go into details, and thus places himself at the head of a where there were so many attractions,

Miss Anna Keitt of South Carolina be ongs to a family renowned in the annals of the Palmetta State, and her tall, willowy form never appeared to better advantage than in the exquisite ereation of blue vel-vet and tulle with pearl passementeric. The crowning glory of this South Carolina belle, however, is her hair, which is of the color so liked by Titian, and which would attract attention in any gathering.

Miss Kate Peel, a distinguished-looking daughter of Arkansas and a guest of Senator Jones of that State, gowned in white tulle, proved an able and gracious assistant during the afternoon, and was usually the central figure of an animated group.

Miss Katherine Foote of this city, and a relative of the celebrated Commodore Foote, who made history for the Navy on the Mississippi River in the early days of the rebellion, is a striking and typical brunette, who always makes herself agreeable, and is consequently one of the most popular young ladies in social circles at the Capital. She is an intimate friend of Mrs. Senator Davis of Minnesota, and usually receives and makes calls with Mrs. Davis. Attired in a reception robe of black lace and shrimp plak the picturesque beauty of Miss Foote is greatly enhanced and her eves are brighter than the diamond ornaments which usually complete her party toflette. It is always pleasant to attend a reception at the Metropolitan, but the occasion is doubly attractive when Mrs. Blanchard is the ruling spirit.

GROUP OF PRETTY ORLS. One of the most charming dinner parties of the season was given last evening by the Misacs Herbert, daughters of General Herbert of Alabama, at their residence, 1403 Rhode Island avenue. The table was beautifully decorated with ferps and flowers and lighted by fourteen rose-tinted lamps, one for each guest. The party consisted of General Herbert and Miss Anna Keitt of South Carolina, Colonel Pat Donau of Dakota and Honduras and Miss Herbert, Mr. William Beck of Washington and Miss Ella Herbert, General Grimes of Georgia and Miss Herbert-Mather of New Jersey, Hon, Benton McMillin of Tennessee and Miss May Tarr of West Virginia, Captain R. A. Torrey of Wyoming and Miss Alice MeLaran of St. Louis, and Mr. George Northrop and Miss Mattle Thompson of Kentucky. A prettier group of young girls was never gathered around one table in Washington.

LADIES, SKIP THIS! 'Question parties" are epidemie. Columbus gumdrops are the latest.

Squash biscuits have come into fashion. Boiled milk has taken the place of tea at ladies' receptions in Paris. Sponge cake saturated with sherry is one of the standard desserts at fashionable

dinner parties. Spring dress patterns are already being shown. The beautiful dove colors of previous seasons and the golden browns and about to erect a magnificent Propyleum in the chestnut browns in reddish tones are among them.

Persian lamb, which is what is fashionable in England just now, is worth from \$3 to \$10 a skin, unmanufactured. Astrakhan skins, which are quite another thing, and ch more wavy, are worth from 33 cents to \$1.25. Both have a white skin under the black wool, when genuine. Kremmir, which is gray, is a natural skin, and the Ukrainer, from the Ukraine, is like the

Persian, but is not glossy.

A New York woman is doing a thriving business in the sale and exchange of "ladies" miscellany." She buysall kind of feminine apparel and pays either cash or swaps other apparel for it. Women go to her with gowns, bats, etc., which they have worn two or three times and change them for others which other women have worn. Thus all are enabled to appear in "new" dress frequently without much expense.

BRIGHT AND ENTERTAINING. The new management of our esteemed stemporary, erstwhile the Evening Capi tal, did wisely in returning to the old familiar name of that journal. Its appearance yesterday evening under the name of THE EVENING CHITIC WIll insure it a grateful welcome in thousands of house holds that would have hesitated about ven turing upon the Ereaing News. The first issue is a bright and entertaining one. It is evidently the purpose of the proprietors to give the people of Washington a paper not only worth reading, but one that it will soon be found they cannot do without. Washington Post.

BANQUET FOR REFLECTION. Twice as many divorces are granted for drunkenness in Kansas as in Texas. There is food for thought here-good, wholesome, ligestible food for the most vorselous thought .- St. Joseph News.

HER HEIGHT.

How tall is Cara Miny Well, now if you should see her, I sometimes doubt your measure Would always fit my freasure.

I do not take her height In feet and inches—quit Faough for me, to wear Her satin sheen of hair Just next my heart.

Atid vet. At other times my pet Will seem a trifle talle Inconstant do not call her: Still, I assure you, I Have seen the lass stand by - five feet ten, suppose The while the pretty rose Of her sweet mouth would be

fust by my lips. How queer-Tis truth to tell they Ricare Lane in Times Democrat, MEN OF MERIT.

Colonel Fred Grant is as enthusiastic over his duties and prospects in Vienna as a big, healthy boy at play. It is no deprecation of his carnest, ectious pursuits to say that they are unimated by the cere of youth. The boyish spirit is the genuine bottom of the manly man. It assures the ingenuousness, simplicity and frankness which the common struggler loses when reason is matured. While the virtues stand in the way of political advancement, it is to Colonel Grant's credit that he is unreserved n manner, and in mind as open as the sunlight. If the republic were officered through out by his peers, polities would mean some thing more than a war of personal ambitions. Besides extraordinary love for his father, he has inherited the General's sympathetic and generous ideas. Time, travel and patient study of every detail of life, are broadening and deepening these gifts. Though partisan, his opinions are greatly in advance of his party's dogmas. Those who think the greatness of his father is going to remain the bushel of his light will some day be undeceived.

The Colonel has converted the American Legation into a typical American home, by ransporting thither all his household furnishfugs and treasures. It required uncommon skill to adapt these to the huge apartments so as to produce the cozy effects of the American residence, but Mrs. Grant succeeded so well that she must feel proud of the praise and admiration her friends and guests so lavishly bestow upon her.

The busy little genius who is building up

the afternoon Sun in New York is in the

all-round sense the brightest product of

American journalism. Pale, without that

leanness which Casar looked upon with distrust; purely classic in features with the for seeing eves of the mariner who patrols the ship's bridge; the muscles of the panther playing beneath fashionable-fitting clothes that to a careless observer make him seem frall; precisely quick in movement and erratically quick in mind, he must be a bundle of paradoxes to all save those who know him well. He is still youth, but not so young as he looks. With the accomplishments of the European dip lomat he combines the modesty and defer ence of the German scholar. He plays with languages like Father Proutt, and is familiar with every nook and crook of every metropolis. He spent the years of his youth in the colleges of the Centinent, and studied sciences in foreign tongues. He went West when scarcely out of his teens and dabbled in big values at Kansas City with the coolness and success of a veteran of the Street. He began on the Sun at the tail end of the staff only a few years ago and crawled up its vertebral column till now he is become a part of its vital nuclous. On the collapse of an apple-stand or the overthrow of the French Republic he could write with equal facility, with the assurance of holding his render to the last line. Handsome, gay, graceful, athletic, he is the favorite of every circle of women he meets. witty, profound and generous, he is admired and respected by all his comrades. Such is Arthur Brisbane of the New York

Labouchere has at last found "Red Jim" MeDermott. For weary months and months the English Liberals have been tracking the protean dynamiter all over Europe while he has been innocently dis porting himself in London under the cice rousge of Tom Fielders of the New York Herald. They had hoped to get a squeal" from McDermott before the Parnell Commission, and were particularly industrious in their search for him just previous to the tragle end of Pigott. One of their agents, a priestly-looking Irish detective, who assumed the name of Wilson, ransacked Paris at the trifling expense of £10 a day, accomplishing nothing more wonderful than the inspection of the concert halls and cafes, and the confusion of a the Latin Quarter as a suspended cierteal. How many Wilsons there were doing the gaieties of the continent at \$50 a day the Lord and the Liberals only know. Where the money came from for this folly will, perhaps, be appreciated by the Irish Amer icans who could have put their contributions to better use.

McDermott tricked all his pursuers by staying most of the time where they least expected to find him. His surrender to Fielders is an illustration of what good manners and genial disposition do for the journalist where the scent of the sleuth. hound often fails. Fielders was sharing a bottle of wine with some friends in the Grand Hotel one night when another party of friends came in with a stranger, whom they introduced as a French nobleman Whatever his suspicions, he (Fielders) did not. like his comrades, suffer them to betray him into silent expressions of con tempt for a Prince who spoke with a dis tinct fusion of the Irish, Bowery and Chicago Bridgeport tongues. On the contrary he listened with the gravest and mos amazed attention to the wondrous tales the nobleman told and was rewarded later in the night, when the fumes of the grape had done their work, by the bine blooded stranger falling into his arms.

"I like you. You're a trump. I ain't no Frenchman; I'm 'Red Jim' McDermott." Fielders immediately cabled a two-column interview with the supposedly dead suspect. and has had him within call ever since. McDermott's story was largely fiction, however, as there is no such titled woman in rance as he pretends to have marriel. Though McDermott asserts that he is unprotected and unpumped, it is evident to all who are familiar with the situation that

be is in the bands of the Government's

secret officers, and that the Government is

in possession of his secrets.

"See here," said the mystery, on the quiet,

DEPARTMENT GRIEVANCES All reasonable complaints and criticis

the comment employed will be published in this volume. Name and address of writer are required, not for publication, but as an version of good fuith. A MARIFEST ABSURDED. Editor Critic: Do you sotthink there should be some uniformity in the Departments in

regard to the granting of annual leave, and would not a general revision of the several systems lead to many improvements: Let me cite an instance under the rule as it now exists: An employe obtains a leave of absence for six days, leaves the city of the 450 train Saturday afternoon and returns after an absence of eight days, on m. Neither of the Sundays included in that time is counted, but should be fail to report on Monday, or should be be a few hours late be could not put in one of 'he usual daily time slips, signed by the head of divis covering that time, but would be obliged to ask the Secretary for leave of absence for the preceding Sunday and the additional

In other words, if one remains in town returns to town and reports for duty at the beginning of each week he can obtain thirty rking days: but if he wishes to go to a di tant home, or to the seashore to recuperate health lost by overwork or the wretched sanitary condition of the building in which he is employed, he must lose the Sundays in cluded in the longer period of leave necessary by elecumstances.

Soprano singers should be fond of high-

AMUSEMENTS.

"THE OOLAH". - The merry "Oolah" filled every seat in the National last night, and banked a triple row of standers behind the orchestra circle. The opera has seldom been presented in better form, and Francis Wilson, always a favorite, was at his best in the character of Hoolahgoolah, the "Oolah." Wilson is in all respects a perfeet clown, and the part seems admirably fitted to his gymnastic and laughable of tricities. His topical song, "The Thing Which Nobody Knows," caught on vigor ourly, and was repeatedly encored. Marie Jansen, in a somewhat humble part, illustrated the perplexities of the Persian marringe laws in her own pleasing way, while Nettle Lyford and Laura Moore sang to plenty of applause. The company is the same as that which produced the opera for the first time at the Broadway Theatre in New York, and neither the words nor the music have been materially changed. "Listen to My Tale of Woe" still forms the Wilson-Jansen duet, and it has apparently lost none of its charms to ples a Washington audience. The "Oolah" with stay with us all this week, and it deserves the patronage of the Capital theatre-goers. In the line of comic opera it is decidedly a success.

"La Tosca."-Fanny Davenport ap-

peared in the title role of Sardou's powerful tragedy, "La Tosca," reproduced in this city at Albaugh's Opera-House last evening. She was greeted by a large audibrilliant and appreciative, who rewarded her efforts by repeated encores and twice summoning her before the curtain. Miss Davenport as La Tosca, Melbourne McDowell as Scorpia, Theodore Roberts as Murio Cararodossi and Frank Willard as Ensele are the only members of the com pany who have been seen here before, the minor parts having been changed since the last appearance of "La Tosca" in Washingtop. The performance throughout was a most creditable one, Miss Davenport's work being marked by her usual care and conscientious endeavor. In the torture scene, with all its realism, when La Torca writhes in mental agony at each entreating groan from her suffering lover, and again when she sacrifices the life of Sci rather than yield to his demands, the intense earnestness of the gifted woman held the audience enthralled. McDowell portraved the haughty Baron in his own impressive style, with no lack of mannerisms. It seems as if Sardon had created the part for him. Cesare Angellotti, Oscar Eagle the refugee, showed a marked improve ment over his previous work in this part. Miss Alfa Perry Byers seemed a trifle mature as Germarino, Mario's little body servant. The rest of the company appeared to good advantage in their several parts. The costumes and scenery are mainly effective, although it is a matter of opinion as to whether Miss Davenport's brilliant scarlet apparel in the first act is entirely becoming. The court scene seems some what hurried and the intervals between the acts intolerably long, but to see "La Tosca" is, on the whole, to see about as powerful, if not as sensational, a drama as there is on the American stage to-day.

"THE FAKIR,"-Hamilin's Farce Comedy Company taxed the scating capacity of Harris' little theatre last evening, and presented their "Fakir" to unbounded plause. It is a farce far superior to the general run, with situations that are really funny and a bright, erlap dialogue. plot of the affair is turned aside occasionally to allow the leading lady to sing about the nisfortunes of McGinty or to propound a musical request for some one to listen to her tale of woe, but no one in the audience objected to this arrangement, and the entertainment went on swimmingly. "The Fakir" is written about a series of difficulties in which the Whirligig Opera Company find themselves involved, and this central idea gives lots of room for those somewhat antiquated songs and dances which go to make up farce comedy. Ed-Edmunds and Marie Cahill sustain their parts in their own merry way, and the rest of the company come in for a good share of applause. "The Fakir" will stay at Harris' all the week, with the usual matinees.

THE RENTZ-STANLEY BURLESQUE .- The return engagement of this troupe drew a good audience into Kernan's last night and standing-room was at a premium long before 8 o'clock. 'The company is an excellent one and the burlesque of "Antony and Cleopatra" beautifully staged. The music is mainly good, and the dancing, particularly the Indian nautch dance, much better than the troups presented here be fore. Beatle and Minule Howe were warmly received and repeatedly encored.

LOUISIANA LOTTERY ECHOES

A SUBSTANTIAL INDORSEMENT. Editor Crific: You have made a noble start.
The Cauric this evening was not only the
most readable paper ever issued in Washington, but its declaration of principles had a true ring and gave evidence that you have a purpose not wholly financial in publishing your paper. Editors of new papers and new editors of old papers often set out with very fine declarations of principles, but they do not often prove their sincere attachment to those principles, as you have done by throw ing out advertisements which would yield big profits to them. In casting out the Louisiana Lottery advertisement and paying back to its managers the money which others had ac epted from them you have done a brave and ble thing and given the most substantial proof that your declaration of principles is not a hollow pretense. The people of Washington will stand by you and you will win on such lines. Piace my name upon your sub-scription list and send your bill for the en osed advertising card Washington, D. C., January 27,

Editor Uritie: If the people of Washington do not support you in your manly war upon the pernicious Louisiana Lottery, I am mi taken in the moral sentiment of this beautiful and intelligent city. JAMES O. MASON.

Washington, D. C., January 27.

PIVE DOLLARS' WORTH OF THANKS Editor Critic: Permit me to compliment you upon the vast improvement of last evening's Omvic over any publication ever issued from that office, and especially let me thank you for refusing to be bribed in the interest of that victous gambling scheme, the Louisians Lottery. The inclosed \$5 for subscription will show you that I am as earnest in my thanks as you are in your excellent principle when you refuse the money of the lottery gamblers. FRANKEIS L. MARSH.

Washington, D. C., January 27. A MAIDEN'S QUER

randated from the Sweetish by Mary, Wheele Lovest thou for beauty's sake? Love me not, ak, no! Love the sun! See in its wake iolder locks in splendor on the blue out

Lovest thou for youth's sweet sake? Love me not, ah, no: Love the spring. Her roses take, Ever freshly blooming. Mine will shortly Lovest thou for wealth, for gold?

Love me not, ab, no! Love the sea. Its waters bold oral groves and pearls and golden sands Lovest thou for love's own sake?

O, then love thou me! Love have I that naught can shake. It has been thine only, thine will ever be--The Transatlantic. FAMILIAR FACES.

Ex-Congressman H. W. Seymour of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is here urging the passage of a special bill for the improvement of the St. Mary's River. The bill was introduced by Senator Davis of Minnesota, who has at heart the interests of vessel owners living at Duluth, as well as the freight-carrying steamship lines all along the Lake sys tem. There is some opposition to the bill because it is special. The Southern members, who are always hungry for appropriations in the general River and Harbor bill, think that the St. Mary's Improvement bill should be incorporated into the regular bill and take its chances with the rest. Ex-Congressman Seymour comes from Michigan londed with facts sure to convince the Southern men that the bill should pass

General John C. Underwood, at one time Lieutepant Governor of Kentucky and later a candidate for the Gove ship nomination, is in the city. He is now a resident of Columbus, O., and is the chief officer of the Patriarch Militants' division of the I. O. O. F. He is a handsome man, as God made him, and after he puts on his uniform and full regalia of the order he is simply magnificent. After leaving Kentucky he sought to establish a "real" Democratic paper in Cincinnati in opposition to John R. McLean's Enquirer. It was a hopeless undertaking from the first and the Enquirer soon absorbed not only the years but expend of its best only the paper but several of its best men, among them Colonel W. A. Tay-lor, now clerk of the Ohio Senate, and Claude Meeker, Governor Campbell's private secretary.

Mr. Emory Thompson, who was last Mr. Emory Thompson, who was last week appointed postmaster at McKeesport, still lingers in the city to watch enemies who are coming in to prevent his confirmation. He is a sort of carpet-bagger politician, they say, who has been in McKeesport but three years, and he is also accused of being a ferrorite of Chris Magra a Paragraphy. favorite of Chris. Magee, a Pennsylva-nia political potentate, who has been un-mercifully knocked out by Senator Matthew Stanley Quay. Some very mean and ugly things have been said of Thompson to Wanamaker and no wonder he is watchful while his fate is being settled. No doubt he is unpopular with Me-Keesport citizens, but they forget that in Pennsylvania the politicians, not the people, are consulted on appointments.

General H. V. Boynton of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette is out, after a two-weeks' battle with the grip, which he describes as a worse fight than that of Chickamauga. Major Stofer of Culpeper, Va., correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch, has also returned after a ten-days' interview with La Grippe in the Old Dominion

The appointment of Augustine Heard of Massachusetts as Consul to Corea has made troublesome discussion among New England Congressmen, the more because he had not been recommended by his own Congressman, General Cogswell. During the summer of 1889 Heard was a real estate agent at Bar Harbor, and white Harrison was the guest of Blaine Heard was introduced as a New England magnate. counts for the appointment

There are only 85,000 greenback bills ow outstanding, although the Treasury Department has endeavored to call in all bills of large denominations. There is but one \$10,000 greenback bill in existence which is still uncanceled. It is now in the Treasury vaults. The \$10,000 bills of to-day are gold certifi-cates. Ex-County Treasurer Frank Rotterman of Cincinnati says that for years his office has carried a \$5,000 greenback as a relic, and that every treasurer kept the bill and will not send it back to the Treasury for redemption

Henry Cabot Lodge, the literary ward Morris, Charles V. Seaman, Leslie statesman, is surprised at the appointment of Heard as Minister to Cores Senator Hoar is also said to have looked over his glasses twice when he saw the announcement, because he supposed that Corea was entitled to both : ister and Consul General, not think ing that the offices were combined. Mr. Fowler of Winchester, Mass., was the, candidate of Lodge and Senator Hoar. Fowler is a son-in-law of Marcus C. Cook, a very rich merchant of Boston. However, Heard had strong in dorsements from New York importers. whose influence with the Adn tion was very "fetching." The The Heard family has for years been interested in Chinese importations, and the Minister just appointed lived for several years in the Flowery Kingdom as the representative of the American firm.

A prominent Chicago guest at Willard's is George M. Sargent, who is well known throughout the great and breezy Northwest as a railway supply agent abounding in wealth and ideas. His errand here is for Chicago's World Fair and also to advance his business nterests. He is president of the Chi cago auxiliary railway committee on the World's Fair project.

It is not an uncommon thing to see a

dycd-in-the-wool Democrat hovering around the Capitol, but when you se one shadowing Republican Congressman it looks suspicious. This was what Hon. Adair Wilson was doing in the rotunda at Willard's, but he declared most emphatically that his visit here had no political significance. Mr. Wilson halls from that section of the Centennial State where sage brush thrives, irrigation ditches are numerou and where ex-Senator Tom Bowen derives enough income from his silver mine to make the manipulators of the red and blue chips feel weary when they come in contact with him. He has been a conspicuous figure in Colorado politics for years, and it would be con-sidered very tame to have a State Demoeratic convention without Adair Wilson present. "The gentleman from Del Norte" has a very clever influence over the Mexican colony in the San Louis valley, and in consequence he has re-peatedly represented the State in the Legislature as well as on the bench.

Arlington is ex-Mayor W. R. Grace of New York, who is accompanied by his wife and niece. He was found chatting with a number of friends about the World's Fair, but in response to a question from The Chitic representative as to whether that was the object of his visit here, he said most decidedly no. His sympathies are naturally with New York, and he has no doubt but that his State will come out winner in the end. admits that Washington has advantage that are bound to be recognized.

Every hotel has its consciouous celeb-

rity, who is readily recognized even by

strangers. Every one knows the smooth, strong face of Major McKin-ley. He lives at the Ebbitt and occasionally smokes a cigar in the lobby and talka pleasantly with his friends. One of them remarked the other night. "I wish I could see McKinley laugh. He is always pleasant and smiles in a dignified way, but I would like to hear him laugh like some other statesmen. I know McKinley is such a student that he is always serious." Uncle Joe McDonald is the celebrity best known now in session at Willard's.

at the Riggs', and he sometimes lets his nderous form rest on the leather sofas. His hald head and straggling locks are too picturesque to be easily forgotten. He is here now as a claim attorney, and finds it more profitable than to remain in Indiana, where he has no more political influence. It is not likely that he can ever get back to the Schate.

Rev. George W. Pepper of Cleveland, who was yesterday appointed Consul to Milan, is the father of C. M. Pepper, Milan, is the father of C. M. Pepper, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribuns. In the Blaine campaign of 1884 Mr. Blaine was warmly indered by Rev. Mr. Pepper, who did not hesitate to attack Cleveland's alleged immorality. A son of George W. Pepper, jr., arrived here this morning and is at the Ebbitt.

James Andrews, a business man and capitalist of Alicgheny; H. H. Witter of St. Paul, and George W. McLanahan of New York are at Willard's.

Mr. Charles J. Cohn of New York is bere on Jegal business. With him is his daughter, Miss Henrictta Cohn. Al-though a Hebrew, Mr. Cohn spells his name without an "e," although the name was originally Cohen. One branch of the family decided to be odd.

Colonel A. I.. Conger, Ohio's mem-ber of the Republican National Com-mittee and chairman of his State Committee, is here on business outside of politics, and yet he is kept busy listening to Ohio applicants for office. They insist on his personal indorsement, and he is too good natured to refuse. Yes-terday, in discussing the uses and bene-fits of making a poll of voters in a cam-paign, Colonel Conger said:

"We made a complete and accurate poll of the State, and we had figured

out Foraker's election by 25,000 plurality; also the Legislature by 10,000 or 15,000 majority on joint ballot. However, the Democrats threw in thousands of dollars the day before election and

Louis Miller, a philanthropic and wealthy manufacturer of Akron, is here on business and spent the day with Colonel Conger and B. L. Warder, who are also manufacturers of agricultural machinery. Mr. Miller is a devout Methodist and has given very liberally to the church, baving heavily endowed several colleges.

William R. Morrison of the Intersta e Commerce Commission is always to be seen in the lobby of Willard's every evening. He is a plain looking, white-whiskered man who, if not so well known as a Congressman, would be taken by strangers for a country mer chant.

Mrs. Elliett of Chicago, the widow of a Union soldier, is at the Strathmore Arms. She is a constituent of Congressman W. E. Mason, and during the campaign of 1888 made speeches for Harrison. She wants to be the pension agent at Chicago to succeed Mrs. Multigan, who, by the grace of Grover Cleveland, succeeded Ada C. Sweet,

Henry C. Payne of Milwankee, the Wisconsin member of the Republican National Committee, is here on busi ness, but has not forgotten to talk poli ies and confer with his colleague Colonel Conger.

Recent Arrivals. Andrew Carnegie of New York is at the Normandie.

Dr. J. L. Powell of the U. S. Army, registered at the Hotel Johnson Hon. A. L. Conger and wife of Akron, Ohio, have parlors at the Ebbitt. General John C. Black and wife of Chicago are stopping at the Normandie. Colonel C. H. Pierce of Louisville, Ky., has apartments at the Metropol-

Dr. C. J. Eames of New York arrived this morning and registered at the National. Thomas S. Wood came in from Cin

cinnati this morning and is registered at the Randall. The National Executive Silver Comnittee have opened headquarters parlor 2 at Willard's.

John Dowd Walker of New York and Max Alex. Kilvert of Chicago have apartments at the Arno. Mr. George Dunlap of New York, manager of "The Fakir" Company, is stopping at the Randali.

Wm. T. Hunter of New York, an officer of the Pacific Steamship Company, is at the Hotel Johnson. Critchton Malcom, the most extensive manufacturer of upholsteries in the South, is registered at the Ebbitt. Mr. H. J. Hayden of New York, vice-president of the New York Central Rail-

read, has apartments at the Arno. Dr. C. B. Adams of New Haven Conn., one of the leading physicians of the State, has apartments at the Ebbitt. A. R. Cole, one of the leading merchants of St. Louis, arrived this morning, and has apartments at the Ebbitt. Hon. P. M. McLaren of New York

Hon, John Birdsall, ex State Senator, from Glen Cove, N. Y., came in this morning and registered at the Arling-

morning, and is registered at the Eb-

M. T. Cormeny and wife of Philadelphia are at the Hotel Johnson. Cormeny is the manager of the Hotel Kenny.

Austin Harrington, Wilmington, Del., and James R. Hosmer, New York, are among the late arrivals at Wormley's.

George W. Boyd of Philadelphia, Assistant General Psssenger Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is at the Normandle Fd. P. Harris, Boston; F. Walley Perkins, Morristown, N. Y., and H. F.

Thomas, New York, are staying at the Riggs House. John S. Jacobus, F. D. Holls and D. Malcomson of New York and Albert Rosenthal of Philadelphia, have apartments at the Arno.

Among the prominent arrivals at the National to-day are: M. W. Stoddard, Cincinnati; H. Springer, New York, and A. Benham. Red Wing, Minn. Charles S. Benedict, Connecticut; W.

H. Waddell, Lexington, Va., and James Grant, Davenport, Iowa, are among the late arrivals registered at the Metropo Mrs. C. O. Shepard and maid, Mount Morris, N. Y. Stephen C. Millard, Binghamton, N. Y., and F. F. Carpen-

ter, Massachusetts, are stopping at the Joseph R. Wilson, London, Eug.; J. E. Henry, Montreal, A. H. Wilder, St. Paul, and J. A. Carey, Cincinnati, are

among the prominent guests stopping at Willard's. W. W. Underwood, a New York broker, is at the Ebbitt. Mr. Underderwood will open a broker's this city in a day or two and will make this his permanent home.

Hon. L. M. Rumsey and wife of Minnesota have apartments at Willard's. Mr. Rumsey is largely interested in silver mines. He is here to look after the interests of that metal, which is just now under consideration by the National Executive Silver Committee,